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TO THE RIGHT HONOVRABLE,
The house of Peeres now assembled in
PARLIAMENT:
The humble Petition of the Inhabitants of the Countie of Buckingham.

Sheweth,

THat whereas we hoped upon the happy Assembling of this preseut Parliament, wee should have had a speedy redresse of those great pressures we had for many yeares beene under; but have hitherto beene in great measure frustrate of our hopes, by the strong counter-working of a malignant faction, whereby the perfecting of Reformation is hindered, the endevours of the House of Commons in great part successeleſſe, our dangers growne upon us, by iterated plots, Priests and other delinquents unpunished, to the incouragement of others: Ireland neere lost by practised counsels, whiles thousands are butchered by many cruelties, and to cut off all hopes of future Reformation, the very being of Parliament endangered, by high and unexampled breach of Priviledges, which by our Protestation lately taken, we are bound by our lives and estates to maintaine, and in respect of that late attempt upon the honorable House of Commons, we are now come to offer our service to that end, as resolved in their last defence to live and dye.

And doe therefore humbly pray, that this most honourable House will co-operate with the House of Commons, in most speedy perfecting the most necessary worke of Reformation: Bringing to condigne

and examplary punishment, both wicked counsellers and other plotters and delinquents, that Ireland may be speedily relieved, the Priviledges of Parliament fortified against all future attempts, and the whole Kingdome put into such a present posture of defence, that we may be safe both from all practizes of the malignant party at home, and the endeavours of any ill-affected States abroad.

And they shall pray, &c.

TO THE HONOVRABLE THE Knights, Citizens and Burgesses of the House of Commons now assembled in *Parliament.*

THat whereas for many yeares past, wee have laine vnder many great pressures, which are clearly set forth in the late Remonstrance of the house of Commons, the redresse thereof, which hath for a long time beene by you endeavoured, with unwearied paines, thongh not with answerable successe, having still Your endeavours frustrated, or retarded, and we deprived of the fruit thereof, by a malignant faction of Popish Lords and Bishops, and others; and now of late to take from us all that little hope was left of a future reformation, the very being of the Parliament shaken, and by the mischievous practizes of most wicked counsellours, the Priviledges thereof broken in a desperate and unexpected manner, and the Members thereof unassured of their lives; in whose safety

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the safety of us and our posterity is involved, we hold it our duty, accecording to our late Protestation, to defend and maintaine the same persons and priviledges to the utmost power of our lives and estate. To which purpose wee are now come, to make the humble tender of our service, and remaine in expectation of your command and Order, to the execution whereof we shall with all alacrity addresse our selves to live by you, or to dye at your feet, against whomsoever shall illegally attempt upon you.

May it therefore please this Honorable Assembly to assist the ardent prayers of your Petioners; that Popish Lords and Bishops may be forthwith outed the House of Peeres, that all Priviledges of Parliament (Yours and Our posterities inheritance) may be confirmed to you; and that all evill counsellours, the *Achans* of this Common-wealth, may bee given up to the hands of Iustice; without all which your Petitioners have not the least hope of Israels peace, or to reap those glorious advantages which the fourteen moneths seed-time of your unparalled ende have given to their unsatisfied expectations. avours

And they shall daily pray, &c.

THE PARLIAENTS ANSWER to the Petition of *Buckinhingham-ſhire*.

AFter this fore-mentioned Petition was delivered up to the Houſe of Commons, they ioyfully receiveo it, and with great affection to the ſame. Buckingham ſhire men ſtanding and preſſing towards the doore, did all wait in expectation of an anſwer, two or three houres at the leaſt: when at length they were called, but had no plenarie anſwer then, in regard that they had no concurrent contereuce with the Houſe of Peeres. Bnt report being made to the upper Houſe of the ſaid Petition, they gave their oſſent thereunto, ſo that it was reſpectively voted in both Houſes, that the ſaid Mr. *Iohn Hambden*, the Lord *Mandevile*, Mr. *Denzil Hollis*, Sir *Arthur Haſſeridge*, Mr. *Pym*, and Mr. *Stroud*, ſhould not be committed to the Tower, or any othet place of cuſtody whatſoever, untill the Parliamentall Proceſſe of Law had paſſed upon them; and withal the Houſe of Commons themſelves affirmed, that they were partly confident, that they were all innocent of the Articles of High Treaſon. Whereat the Buckinghamſhire men were ready to ſhout in acclamations, they were filled with great ioy: and moſt dutifully gave the Parliament all poſſible thanks, that may be conceived: promiſing to defend and aſſiſt their Honours to the uttermoſt of their lives, and fortunes. Then the Parliament graciouſly accepted theit Petition, and gave them thanks for their ſo free a Demonſtration of their dutie towards them. Thus all Buckinghamſhire men being fully ſatisfied in their deſires, departed with all allacrity to their lodgings in London.

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THE MANNER OF THEIR COMMING IN TO THE CITIE OF London *with papers in their hands to the Parliament House.*

AFter intelligence was given to Buckinghamshire, that Mr. *Hamden* being Knight of that Shire, the Lord *Mandevile*, Mr. *Pym*, Sr. *Arthur Haſilrige*, Sr. *Denſil Hollis*, and Mr. *Stroud*, were impeached of High Treaſon by His Maieſty: Moreover that His Maieſtie was intended to have them committed to the Tower thereof: They were all unanimouſly reſolved to Petition both to the King and Parliament, on behalfe of them all. The Newes was tranſported into the Shire: but laſt Friday, late at night, and warants being given out to certifie the Countrey of the ſame: five thouſand, or verie nigh that number, were preſently aſſembled, and preſented them ſubmiſsively to go with the Petition to London: and if they had had longer time, there would have beene three times more. But the Petition being made, and theſe men ready attending the ſame, approached neere the aſpect of the Citie of London, where they came through *Leonard Shoreditch*, through Biſhops-gate, and ſo through Cheapſide, onward to Weſtminſter: where there was above three thouſand on Horſe-back, every man with a Paper in his hand, intimating that they had a

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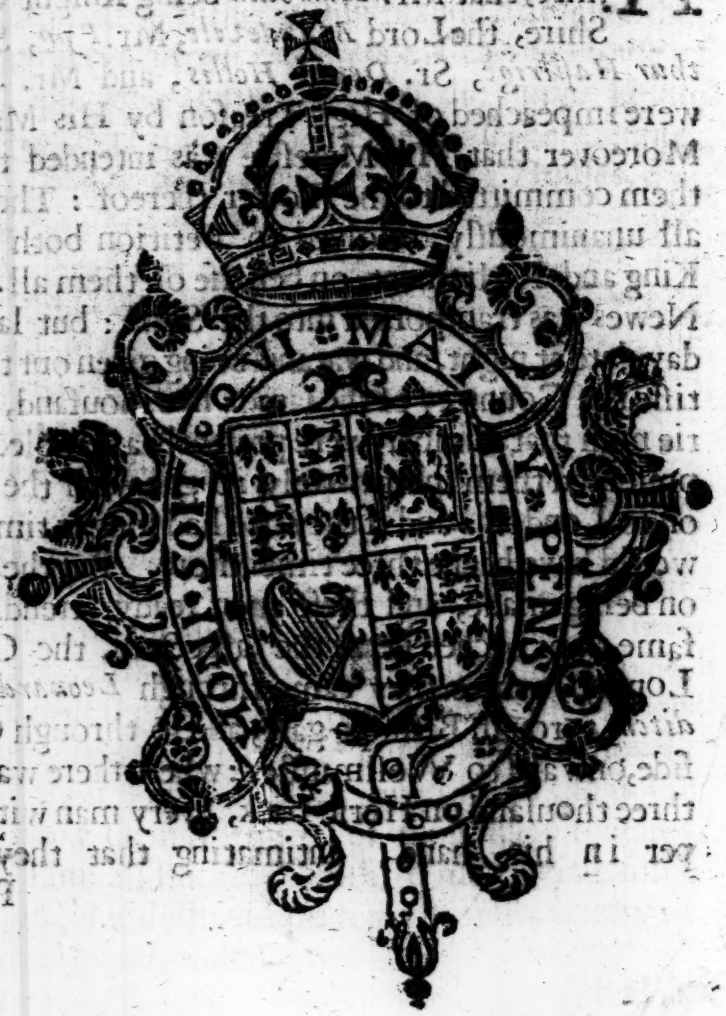
Petition to preſent to the Honourable Court, and the other were on foot: but they reached in all from the Exchange to Newgate, three and foure in a rank. Comming to Weſtminſter, they acquainted the Houſe of their Petition, and humbly preſented it unto them, whete they had afterward at the conference of both Houles, a correſpondent anſwer given them reſpectively, as is aforementioned.

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